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### **BROOKS CUTS RIBBON ON NEW ROC AIRPORT TAXIWAY**

*Taxiway "P" to improve safety and efficiency on ROC Airfield for Pilots*

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to announce the official opening of a new taxiway, Taxiway "P", at the Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC). The new taxiway will improve airfield safety and efficiency for all airport users. Large cargo operations, such as those by FedEx Express welcome the new taxiway at ROC. Cargo contributes to the Airport's overall economic impact on Monroe County.

*"It is incredibly important that our FAA grant funding is targeted toward the continued growth and enhancement of our community's most critical infrastructure needs,"* said **Brooks**. *"This \$2 million project was completed one month ahead of schedule and under budget. Monroe County is grateful for the outpouring of support from FedEx Express and our partners on the Federal and State levels, as we continue to showcase the ROC as one of our community's most precious assets, our 'Gateway to the World.'"*

Taxiway "P" was constructed on the south side of Runway 10-28 from Taxiway "F" to the Runway 28 threshold. The 75-foot wide pavement has been designed to improve aircraft access for Group IV (or large) aircraft movements, such as FedEx Express' A300 aircraft, and improves operational safety on the crosswind Runway 10-28. The work also included new asphalt pavement, drainage improvements, electrical lighting and pavement markings.

*"The opening of this new taxiway is part of a continuum of improvements that enhance the airport's ability to safely and efficiently accommodate a wide variety of aircraft,"* said Airport Director Michael A. Giardino. *"The new taxiway is part of a larger FAA approved airport master plan and it permits easy access to the runway extension that was completed in 2011."*

A series of ROC projects defined in the Airport's Master Plan, commencing in 2005, led to the improvements of Runway 10-28. This included the tunnels that run along I-390, extending Runway 10-28 600 feet in both directions, Taxiway "B" and Taxiway "P" being the final necessary Taxiway in the series of improvements.

Approximately 60 jobs were created over five months by the construction of Taxiway "P". The project was designed by engineers at Clough Harbor & Associates; the prime contractor was Ramsey Constructors Inc. and sub-contractors included Baseline Airport Ltg., Upstate Utilities Inc., Hi-Lite Markings Inc., RVA and Surianello General Concrete Contractor Inc.

The construction of Taxiway "P" was completed using no local taxpayer dollars. The \$2 million project was funded mainly by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) entitlement and cargo grants. FAA entitlement grants are driven by airport enplanement activity. New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) grants also contributed to the project.

Airfield construction projects such as Taxiway P provide safe and efficient access for Commercial Service providers as ROC remains poised for future growth.

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